

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

CITY POST OFFICE TESTIMONIAL.—We mentioned in the Union of yesterday morning that a handsome service of plates had been presented by the clerks in the City Post Office to Col. J. G. Barrett, on his retiring from the duties of postmaster, as the expression of his term of office. Below we give the letter which accompanied this well-merited testimonial, with Col. Barrett's reply.

CITY POST OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C.
March 31, 1858.

DEAR SIR: We have no fear that, in presenting you with the accompanying testimonial of our earnest respect, we will incur any suspicion as to the sincerity of our motives. They are, we hope, not only readily seen, but justly appreciated. The severance of the ties of an official association continuing through a period of several years, and which was productive of none but harmonious relations, though suddenly in itself, affords us this opportunity to express the feelings that actuate us; for, during that time, the unwearied kindness of your nature, the consistent sincerity of your friendship, the force and correctness of your judgment, while commanding our admiration, elicited the warmest recognition of our hearts.

The position which you lately filled is one of extreme delicacy, as the proper discharge of its duties demands from its incumbent a nice combination of talent and discretion. That you, sir, acquitted yourself of the weighty obligations imposed upon you with eminent capacity, your fellow-citizens, who owe to your energy so many facilities of which they now reap the advantages, are unanimous in admitting. The ability with which you treated the diversified interests intrusted to your care is familiar to all. But to us, who were so long associated with you, falls the pleasant duty of bearing witness to the wisdom and the conscientiousness of the internal arrangements of the office, your untiring attention to the minutiae of its administration, and the zeal and efficiency which you brought to the discharge of the important trusts confided to you.

Permit us, sir, while testifying your acceptance of this service of plates, to assure you that it is an outward expression given to the sentiments, which are deepest to us. We can now safely offer such a tribute to your worth; and we beg you to believe that with it are given our earnest wishes that you may in the future meet with that success and happiness which attend upon a steadfast adherence to duty, and an unflinching devotion to the obligations of man and citizen.

Faithfully, yours,
Lambert Tree, Wm. H. Thomas, N. M. Jandella,
Richard Lay, J. B. Gardner, C. Fletcher,
T. L. Noyes, A. W. Hughes, John P. King,
M. P. Callan, James L. Smith, G. C. Ashton,
W. Brooke Jones, John W. Mead, W. A. Griffith,
J. J. Barrett, H. W. McHenry, Robinson,
George Kannebeck, S. T. Kane,
Fitz J. Bartlett, D. Butler, D. Tolson,
J. W. Hicks, H. Ingle, W. C. Jackson,
John C. Sprigg, L. W. Worthington, C. A. Dougherty,
P. Sweeney, M. Byrne, B. Ball,
A. H. Young, Minor Patterson, T. F. Harkness.
Col. JAMES G. BARRETT.

WASHINGTON CITY, D. C., April 1, 1858.

GENTLEMEN: I have received with feelings of gratitude and pride the generous donations contained in your letter addressed to me on the 31st ultimo.

Your appropriation of my course as postmaster of this city is the more gratifying from the fact that you have had the best opportunities of witnessing and of properly appreciating my efforts to conduct satisfactorily the business of the office. While I feel in the belief that those efforts have been so far fortunate as to have secured public favor, a sense of candor and justice requires me to add that I owe much, very much, of whatever success may have been attained to your efficient aid, which at all times has been promptly, assiduously, and cheerfully rendered.

Mr. FAULKNER, the night clerk, has presented to me the kind and affectionate words which accompanied it, shall be preserved as cherished remembrances of the regard and esteem of valued friends whose property and happiness shall always be to my anxious thoughts.

The event which has occasioned our official separation, while it calls up pleasant recollections of past intercourse, cannot but awaken emotions of regret that the relations which have heretofore so happily existed between us can never be resumed.

My regret at parting will be heightened by the hope, as it will always be by the wish, that all your paths through life may be strewn with flowers.

With simple sincerity, your friend,
JAMES G. BARRETT.

To Messrs. LAMBERT TREE, RICHARD LAY, and others.

NATIONAL FOUNDRY.—Although applications have been received from Alexandria, Frederick City, Ellicott's Mills, and other places, to have one of those places selected as the location for a national foundry, it is very justly urged by the War that this metropolis presents better facilities than any other place yet named.

The District penitentiary has become, in consequence of the alarming increase of crime in our midst, not only too small, but too insecure a place of confinement for criminals. Well, this penitentiary is most admirably situated for a national foundry, and as we shall eventually require a new prison, and as the government must have a national foundry, why not take the penitentiary building for the foundry?

From all the estimates, a new foundry will cost the government at least \$300,000, if they have to select and purchase a site and erect the necessary buildings. Here is a site already belonging to government, and a building already erected, which is also government property, and the small sum of \$15,000 would furnish the requisite machinery to start the foundry, which could be speedily done and save the government the nice little sum of \$285,000. This is no fancy, but plain matter of fact, and, therefore, we say, and the people all say, let us have the national foundry here under the direct supervision of the government.

To-day closes what is now called "Passion Week," and was known by the primitive Christians as *Holiness Week*, or the *Great Week*. To-day was known as the *Great Sabbath*, and is thus set down in the Church History:

"This was the only Thursday or Sabbath throughout the year that the Greek churches, and some of the Western, kept as a fast; all other Saturdays, or Sabbaths, being observed as festivals. On this day they continued to fast, not only till evening, but till cock-crowing in the morning, which was the supposed time of our Saviour's resurrection. And the preceding time of the night was spent in divine service, prayer, preaching, and hearing such of the catechisms as presented themselves. Eusebius tells us that, in the time of Constantine, this vigil was kept with great pomp. For that Emperor set up lofty pillars of wax, to burn as torches all over the city, so that the night seemed to outshine the sun at noonday."

By the President:
THOS. A. HENNING, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

NOTICE TO PRE-EMPTION CLAIMANTS.

Every person entitled to the right of pre-emption to any of the lands within the townships and parts of townships above enumerated is required to establish the same to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of the proper land office, and make payment therefor as soon as the same shall be offered for sale, before the day appointed for the commencement of the public sale of the lands embracing the tract claimed, otherwise such claim will be forfeited.

By the President:
THOS. A. HENNING, Commissioner of the General Land Office.

WANTED.—A situation as Governor by a young lady, who is competent to teach French, Drawing, and the English languages. Country preferred. Unexceptionable references given.

Address: L. C. M. Washington, D. C.

DEAR EXPERIENCE; by the author of "DOCTOR PARLEY," being a new edition, under a new title, of "The Parables in Parley," illustrated by John Leach, of the London "Punch," price \$1.25. For sale by

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Commissioner of the General Land Office, [Initials and Star.]

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, for April.

The Review, a Book of Condensed Scientific Knowledge for the Million: \$1.00.

Burgess' Photograph and Ambrotype Manual: \$1.00.

Bell's Vocabulary in American Dialect: \$2.00.

Flaming's Vocabulary of Philosophy: London, \$1.75.

For sale by FRANK TAYLOR.

A NEW ITALIAN NOVEL, DEAR EXPERIENCE. A Tale by Ruffini, author of Doctor Antonio. Dutton, by Ruffini.

For sale by TAYLOR & MAURY.

Ap 3—[Initials.]

"GOLD AND PAPER."

A LECTURE BY J. V. HUNTINGTON.

MONDAY EVENING, April 6th, at PHILHARMONIC HALL, Pennsylvania Avenue, west of 11th street.

Hour, 8 o'clock. Admission free.

NECESSARY TO EVERY LIBRARIAN.—Advertisements to the Bibliographical Catalogue of American Publications, (reprints and original works) from 1855, to March, 1858. Compiled and arranged by ROBERT. Price \$2.50; mailed free on the receipt of \$2.25, in stamps or otherwise.

For sale at PHILIP'S New Bookstore.

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VENTILATION IN AMERICAN DWELLINGS.

With a series of diagrams, presenting examples in different cases of habitation, by David Brewster, Esq., M. D., F. R. S. E., &c., &c., of the results of the experiments made in the ventilation of the house of Parliament, London, &c., &c., to which is added an introductory outline of the Progress of Improvement in Ventilation, by Richard Harris, M. D., 1 vol. Price \$2.00. Sent by mail on the receipt of \$1.75, in stamps or otherwise.

For sale at TAYLOR & MAURY.

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BY AUTHORITY.

LAW OF THE UNITED STATES.

Pub. 8.

AN ACT to create additional land districts in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be and he is hereby authorized to establish additional land districts in his discretion, not exceeding three, in the State of California, and to fix, from time to time, the boundaries thereof, as the public interest may require; which districts shall, respectively, be named after the places at which the offices shall first be established; and the President shall be authorized hereafter, from time to time, as circumstances may require, to adjust the boundaries of any and all of the land districts in said State and remove the offices when the same shall be expedient.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next ensuing session, a register and a receiver for each of said additional districts, who shall, respectively, be required to reside at the site of the offices, shall be subject to the same laws and responsibilities, and whose compensation shall be the same as is now provided by law for other land offices in said State.

Approved 29 March 1858.

WASHINGTON THEATRE.—COMPLIMENTARY TESTIMONIAL TO JOHN BROUGHAM, SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1858.

DEAR SIR: The undersigned, visitors at the Washington Theatre, desirous of proving their appreciation of a true and genial man, a successful author, and brilliant actor, wish to know if it would be compatible with the arrangements of the theatre to tender to John Brougham, as a complimentary testimonial, and, if so, on what evening the same might take place.

Yours, &c.,
Hon. S. A. Douglas, Col. J. E. Magruder, Robert Old, J. P. Hild, Hon. Geo. W. Jones, E. Knapman, Col. R. A. Roberts, Arnold Baker, John Pike, Jas. M. Cavanaugh, Alex. H. Hilly, John Savage, Prof. T. Antell, John F. Coyle, Hugh Caperton, And many others.

Mr. S. D. EYING.

WASHINGTON THEATRE, April 1, 1858.

GENTLEMEN: Your favor of the 27th inst. is at hand, and I hasten to appreciate you of the earnest desire of Mr. Stuart and myself to co-operate with you in presenting to John Brougham a parting testimonial and recognition of those qualities which you so justly esteem. Permit me to designate the last night of Mr. Brougham's engagement—Saturday, April 3—as the most fitting occasion for the purpose named.

Most respectfully, yours,
S. D. EYING.

To the Hon. S. A. DOUGLAS, Hon. Geo. W. JONES, Col. J. E. MAGRUDER, JOHN F. COYLE, &c., &c., &c.

Box book now open. See bills of the day.

Furniture, Furniture.

WE have just received a large addition to our stock of cabinet and other furniture, which has been gotten up in tasteful and elegant style to our order, the workmanship of which we warrant of the best quality.

PARLOR SUITES COMPLETE.

Of rosewood, walnut, and mahogany, upholstered in various colors and material. Seats, center, and side tables, excruciating, elegant, and beautiful. For and mantle places, in gilt, with marble slabs and brackets.

CHAMBER SETS COMPLETE.

Solid oak, handsomely ornamented in gold. Solid walnut and mahogany, carved, black, enameled in gold and flowers, with other painted sets, all colors.

DINING ROOM.

Oak, walnut, mahogany, and cherry extension dining-tables, from eight to twenty feet.

Oak, walnut, mahogany, and rose-finish dining chairs.

Oak, walnut, mahogany sideboards, with marble tops.

Shelves, &c., ornamented with looking-glass fronts.

FEATHER BEDS, BOLSTERS, & PILLOWS.

Curled hair, lank, and lank and cotton stuffed.

OFFICE DESKS, CHAIRS, AND SALAMANDER SAFES.

Stearns' and Marvin's Patent safes, made in the best manner, according to the celebrated "All-Beck" plan.

Also, in great variety, bedsteads, bureaus, wardrobes, washstands, lightstands, sofas, settees, easy and rocking chairs, in haircloth, two thousand cases of chairs. All of which will be sold low for cash or approved paper.

Feb 25—60th

Mr. S. D. EYING.

PERCY & BROTHERS,

"Central Store," west building, opposite Centre Market.

Ap 2—410th

CANTON (straw) MATTINGS, plain white and

checked, best quality, of recent importation, with a vast stock of new styles of dry goods, adapted for general family consumption. New and daily additions to our stock.

One price only, marked in plain figures; hence no purchaser is overcharged.

We decline to open any new accounts. All bills presented monthly for payment in cash; the general prostration of long credits demands that we do so.

Good articles, low prices, and fair dealing may be relied on in all cases.

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CATHOLIC BOOKS.—Just received a fine selection of Catholic prayer books and other works suitable for Holy Week, in plain and ornamental bindings.

PHILIP'S New Bookstore, Pennsylvania Avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

Ap 2

FOR DRAUGHTSMEN.—Drawing paper, mounted

on linen, 55 inches wide, sold by the yard, or in rolls of ten yards, at

PHILIP'S New Bookstore, Pennsylvania Avenue, between 9th and 10th sts.

Ap 2

AT PRIVATE SALE.—A nearly new family carriage

and double seat with a top of very superior make, having eight and nine years old, perfectly good and safe. The owner has no further use for them. They can be seen at the Columbia Station, 8th street, between D and E streets.

Inquire of J. GIBSON, Ninth street.

Ap 2—6th

FINE RUSSIAN CRASH, FOR TOWELS.—200

pieces fine Russian crash, for towels.

Also, a large supply of other fine and extra-stylish towels, in white and colored borders.

Table napkins, doilies, damasks, and cloths, in great profusion of standard style and quality.

We make daily additions to our stock.

We are not opening any new accounts. Customers who have heretofore ordered their bills will bear in mind that hereafter we require cash when the bill is presented. Any other settlement will not be acceptable. It is a matter of no consequence how responsible the party may be, a prompt cash settlement is the only basis that renders their bills advantageous to us.

One price only, marked in plain figures; hence no person is overcharged.

PERCY & BROTHERS,

"Central Store," west building, opposite Centre Market.

Ap 2—410th

ROBES OF ALL KINDS AND FABRICS.—Large

stock of fancy and staple dry goods of the best quality.

One price only, marked in plain figures; no deviation.

We are not opening any new accounts. All bills presented monthly for payment in cash.

Goods not permitted out of the store on approval for inspection; new will be changed or taken back when once sold.

We make daily additions to our stock.

PERCY & BROTHERS,

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12 CENT GOODS FOR POPULAR TRADE.

Our motto is, we never correspond and we supply daily.

One price only, marked in plain figures; hence no person is overcharged.

All bills presented monthly for payment in cash.

We decline opening any new accounts.

PERCY & BROTHERS,

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BLACK "TAMARTINE" AND "GRENADINE."

Burgess' new articles for Ladies in Black.

Our stock of all the leading staples in mourning goods is now unusually large.

One price only, marked in plain figures; hence no person is overcharged.

All bills presented for payment monthly in cash.

We decline opening any new accounts.

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